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TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA)(SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN)

(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT: STEVEN SMITH AIRPORT INCIDENT: TANGOV APOLOGIZES

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2694

1. ON SATURDAY EVENING, 26 JULY, BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR, EUROPE-AMERICAS DIVISION, FONMIN, RUSHED OVER TO EXTEND SINCEREST APOLOGIES FOR AIRPORT INCIDENT EARLIER THAT DAY INVOLVING RELEASED STUDENT STEVEN SMITH.

2. MUGANDA TOLD ME HE HAD LEARNED THAT I HAD BEEN TRYING TO REACH HIM, BUT THAT HE WAS TIED UP WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S VISIT AT TIME. HE ASKED ME TO RE-STATE WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT AIRPORT. I DID SO AND HE AGREED OUR ACCOUNT JIBED WITH THAT OF FONMIN OFFICIAL WHO WAS PRESENT. MUGANDA SAID HE HAD INITIATED PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, AND FACTS INDICATED THAT DEBRIEFING AT AIRPORT WAS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT QTE HIGHER APPROVAL UNQTE.

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3. LATER SAME EVENING MUGANDA SOUGHT ME OUT BRINGING ALONG LAWRENCE GAMA, DIRECTOR, TANZANIA INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE (TISS), WHO ALSO OFFERED APOLOGIES OVER INCIDENT AND ATTRIBUTED IT TO QTE STUPID BURUTI MISTAKE UNQTE. BURUTI IS A TISS TYPE WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO KIDNAP CASE AND WHO HAD GENERALLY BEEN HELPFUL IN PAST. NEITHER THE TANZANIANS NOR OURSELVES COULD QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT HAD GOTTEN INTO BURUTI THAT AFTERNOON.

4. GAMA SAID THAT MUGANDA HAD TOLD HIM THAT I WAS CONTEMPLATING SENDING OF OFFICIAL PROTEST NOTE (WHICH I WAS CONSIDERING) AND SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ERROR BUT WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT BURUTI WOULD BE DISCIPLINED AND INCIDENT WOULD NOT BE REPEATED IN FUTURE. ON BASIS OF VERBAL APOLOGIES TO OUR VERBAL PROTESTS I INTEND LET MATTER DROP.
CARTER

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